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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SHAH

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY ACCOMPANIED BY SISCO AND HELMS HAD NINETY- MINUTE AUDIENCE WITH SHAH, WHO WAS IN PARTICULARLY GOOD FORM AS HE, IN AN EXPANSIVE MOOD, ARTICULATED WELL-INTEGRATED AND BALANCED TOUR D' HORIZON OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ON WORLD SCENE AND IN HIS OWN REGION. THIS PRECEDED BY LENGTHY AND IMPRESSIVE EXPOSITION BY SHAH OF INTERNAL IRANIAN PROGRESS. THROUGHOUT SHAH MADE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO HIS HIGH REGARD FOR PRESIDENT NIXON PERSONALLY AND TO HIS
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POLICIES. SECRETARY RUSH LAUDED IRAN' S EFFORTS AND AT INVITATION OF SHAH OUTLINED IN SOME DETAIL PRESIDENT NIXON' S EFFORTS TO MOVE AWAY FROM AREA OF CONFRONTATION TO EARA OF NEGOTIATION, SECRETARY RUSH UNDERSCORED WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN IRAN AND US, OUR RELIANCE ON IRAN AS MAJOR ELEMENT OF STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA, OUR CONTINUING HOPE SHAH WILL PLAY LEADING ROLE IN DEVELOPING BROAD REGIONAL COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS OF THE AREA, AND OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE SHAH' S STRENGTH IN ORDER TO DETER POSSIBLE SOVIET DESIGNS AND ASSURE THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH.

2. AFTER NORMAL AMENITIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, SHAH SPOKE AT SOME LETHEREFORE HAVE INCURRED EXPENSES WHICH MUST BE PAID. TO DELAY THE EXECUTION OF THE EXTENSIONS (PHASE 2) WOULD RESULT IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND COULD NECESSITATE THE REASSIGNMENT OF PROJECT PERSONNEL TO OTHER DUTIES, WHICH COULD MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO REGROUP AT A LATER DATE.

FURTHERMORE THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AND THE DELAY IN SUCH PROCUREMENT COULD SET BACK THE PROJECT MANY MONTHS. FOR EXAMPLE THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRIC LOGGER FOR PROJECT 14-01-0001-1429 WAS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY CALENDAR YEAR 1973. THIS INSTRUMENT IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT. UNLESS IT IS PURCHASED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE THE WORK SCHEDULE, INCLUDING THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF THE U. S. PROJECT OFFICER TO YUGOSLAVIA, MUST BE DELAYED WITH DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON THE PROJECT.

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RESEARCH PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AND WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. TO STOP THE WORK NOW WILL WASTE THE RESEARCH EFFORT PUT INTO IT AND PERHAPS CAUSE DISPLACEMENT OF THE RESEARCHERS INVOLVED. ROGERS

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